



# APRIL 2016



## PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK

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Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee \$8/carload (in-state) or \$10/carload (out-of-state.)

Campground programs are also open to the public – just park at the campground gate and walk in. Children under 14 should be accompanied by an adult. **All programs begin promptly at scheduled times.**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2<sup>TH</sup>



**12:00pm - 4:00pm - Plan Your Heirloom Garden:** Join us for information, tips, and FREE heirloom seeds to take home. Start your own heirloom garden and take a look at plans for our 2016 gardens! Learn when to plant your seeds and how. **Meet at the Farm.**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>

**2:00pm – Birds are Back!** – Several bird species have made their way back to Indiana to spend their spring, summer, and fall with us. We'll hike a small portion of Trail 1 and check a couple bluebird nesting boxes along the way. Bring binoculars if you have them, and we'll have some to borrow. **Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area.**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>

**12:00pm - 3:00pm Beer Brewing Basics-** Beer is a part of our history and has been around for centuries. Learn how to brew your own beer at home. Impress your friends with your very own brew. Sample homebrewed beer. Must be 21 or older to participate. Valid ID required. Registration required. \$20 per person. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot! **Meet at The Farm.**



**2:00pm – This Hike Stinks!** – Join us for a moderate hike on Trail 2 to discover which early blooming wildflower stinks like a skunk. We'll look for other early bloomers too! **Meet at the Far East End Parking Lot**

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>



**7:30am-9:30am – Audubon at the Overlook** – Join members of the Sycamore Audubon Society at the overlook deck for a bird watching morning. This time of year the birds are really moving around – migrating or mating or any number of reasons. We'll have binoculars and books to borrow, but feel free to bring your own if you have them.

**Park at the Far East End Parking Lot near the Basketball Court.**

**9:00am – Right Steps Run:** The Right Steps Run 5K/10K will be a fun and healthy way to spend a morning! It also provides a great opportunity to train for a later race, and it will support many children in families who need help to afford high quality child care. Right Steps' mission is to provide and advocate for quality child care and early education for all. Please help us make that happen! Early registration is online at [www.rightstepscdc.org/](http://www.rightstepscdc.org/) and the cost is \$30 (5K) and \$40 (10K). Day of race registration (\$35-5K and \$45-10K) begins at 8:00 at Prophetstown State Park. **Meet at Prairie View Picnic Area.**



**10:00am - 11:00am -Heirloom Orchards-** Enjoy a talk about starting your heirloom orchard. Learn about heritage apple varieties and check out our plans for an heirloom orchard at **The Farm.**

**1:00pm -2:00pm From The Past to Now: 1920's Food History Talk and Taste-** The 1920's was a changing time in our food history. Convenience and processed foods were all the rage. Learn about product history, sample products that we still use today and receive classic 1920's recipes. *Registration required.* \$5 per person. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot! **Meet at The Farm.**



**2:00pm – Free Fishing Fun** – Never been fishing? Now is your chance to try it without needing a license. Practice your technique and learn some fishing tips. We'll have some bait and a few extra poles on hand. Parents must accompany children. **Meet at East End Parking Lot near Basketball Court.**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>

**11:00am - 12:00pm - Chickens 101-** Curious about what it takes to start your own flock? Join us for an introductory discussion and find out just how easy it is. Learn all of the basics including feeding, care, general health and raising chicks. **Meet at the Farm.**

**1:00pm - 3:00pm Yeast Breads-** Try your hand at homemade yeast breads in our farmhouse. Bake and take home bread to share. Learn tricks, tips and the secret of making great bread. *Registration required.* \$15 per person. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot! **Meet at the Farm.**



**3:00pm – Beautiful Bloomers Wildflower Hike** – Join us for signs of spring and all the wonderful flowers popping up in the woodlands. We may see two, and we may see ten – you just never know unless you get out there and look for these early bloomers. Come and meet some yearly friends who have sprung up to say hello! **Meet at the Far East End Parking Lot.**

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**1:00pm – Wednesday s in the Wild: Talk, Walk, Eat – Wild Edible Plants**

Join us on this moderate hike as we look and learn and taste some of nature’s best wildflowers.  
**Meet at the Far East End Parking Lot.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**1:00pm - Miami Plant Uses** – Join Miami Native American Tradition Bearer, Dani Tippman for a presentation on Miami plant uses, including foods, medicine, and technology. Then head outside for an informative trail walk. Remember that there were no groceries stores here in Indiana when the Miami people learned to use the plants around them. Learn something about the plants around you that has been passed down for generations within the Miami culture. Take the time to share the excitement of what plants can teach us by joining Dani Tippmann.

**3:00pm – “Borrow A Book” Box** - Join Brick Street poets and find out about their new park project. Sit around the campfire and listen to poems that come from the “Borrow A Book” Box. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**



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**SUNDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**1:00pm-3:00pm – Sweetgrass Basket Workshop** – Join Miami Native American Tradition Bearer, Dani Tippman for a class about traditional baskets, stories about baskets and see some examples of different baskets. Participants will be provided with materials to complete a Sweetgrass Basket. This workshop is free and open to the public, but space is limited, and REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Participants must be 11 years and up. Reserve your spot by calling 765-567-4919 or emailing [amanuel@dnr.in.gov](mailto:amanuel@dnr.in.gov) **Meet at the Visitor Center.**

**12:00pm - 4:00pm - Celebrating Wildflower Weekend-** Stop in at The Farm to receive FREE wildflower seeds. Take a peak in the woods behind The Farm to spot beautiful wildflowers. **Meet at the Farm.**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>**



**2:00pm - 4:00pm - Arbor Day Celebration-** Started in 1854, Arbor Day is a day set aside to celebrate trees! Join us in the farmhouse for cookies and lemonade as we celebrate this day. We will be planting a tree on The Farm at 3:00pm. **Meet at the Farm.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**11:00am - 12:00pm - Spring Farm Walk: What’s New on The Farm?-** Enjoy a lovely, guided walk on the farmstead! Say hello to our animals and learn about our plans for 2016. **Meet at the Farmhouse.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**11:00am – Woodland Wildflower Hike** – Join us for a woodland hike as we look for spring wildflowers. Depending on the maturity of the flowers, we may hike around the observation deck on Trail 2 or the new Trail 3 woodland bluff. **Meet at the Far East End Parking Lot.**



**Save the Date!**

**MAY 7<sup>th</sup> Native Wildflower and Plant Sale**

**JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> “Free Fishing” Weekend**

**JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> Youngest Triathlon**

**JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> “Hands-on History Day Camp”**

**JULY 9<sup>th</sup> Paint the Prairie**

